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Subject Village of Laurelville XP97579701-0

I have been trying to contact someone from the Village for months with no success. I sent e-mails to the Mayor listed on the grant award. Former Mayor Conrad e-mailed me today that he is no longer mayor and has forwarded my message to the new Mayor. I e-mailed the new mayor and the e-mail came back as undeliverable. I then contacted the Lawyer listed on the Inspection Report, Mr. Bill Archer, Village Solicitor. I explained to Mr. Archer that the Village has not submitted progress reports, none of the numbers listed on the award document are good, the grant expires on 12/30/2006, and that there is \$97,000 remaining in their ASAP account.

Based on the information contained in the Inspection Report, there is not much progress on the project, the grantee has not met their match, and should be requesting an extension. My feeling is that if they have not met their match (the grant was awarded 03/11/2005, they should have notified us immediately, especially since the grant was for \$376,000 and they have spent all but 97,000. I think we have a problem.

According to Mr. Archer, his relationship is not "the same" as was his relationship with the former Mayor, so he has no idea what is going on with the grant. Mr. Archer stated that he would pass the message on to the current Mayor, but that if I did not hear from the Village within the next two weeks, to contact him again.

I really don't think waiting two weeks is going to help.

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